

16-20 North Fifth Street  
Reading  
Berks County  
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-5144

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA




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STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY BERKS	TOWN OR VICINITY READING
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY BUILDING		HABS NO. PA-5144
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE COLONIAL BERKS REAL ESTATE COMPANY		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 16-20 NORTH FIFTH STREET, READING, PENNSYLVANIA		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) C. 1892 REG. OFFICE		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) NOT KNOWN
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) THE BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED AS AN OFFICE BUILDING AND WAS USED FOR THIS PURPOSE UNTIL THE RECENT PAST.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) BRICK		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) SEE ATTACHED PLANS		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE ARCHED WINDOW, CORBELLING, STONE LINTELS		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) SEE ATTACHED PLANS		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES SEE ATTACHED PLANS		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE ALTHOUGH THE STRUCTURE IS SHABBY AND IN SOME DISREPAIR, IT IS GENERALLY IN GOOD STRUCTURAL CONDITION. PRESENTLY ABANDONED		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This structure was recorded by the Bureau of Planning, City Hall, Reading, Pa. in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) BUILDING IS LOCATED IN A PENN. STATE CERTIFIED HISTORIC DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE CALLOWHILL HISTORICAL DISTRICT.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION MICHEL R. LEFEVRE - BUREAU OF PLANNING, CITY HALL READING, PA.		
DATE 6/18/80		

NOTES:

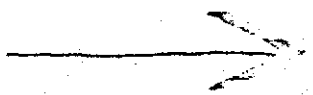
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EMBOSSED COMPOSITION BOARD.
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UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

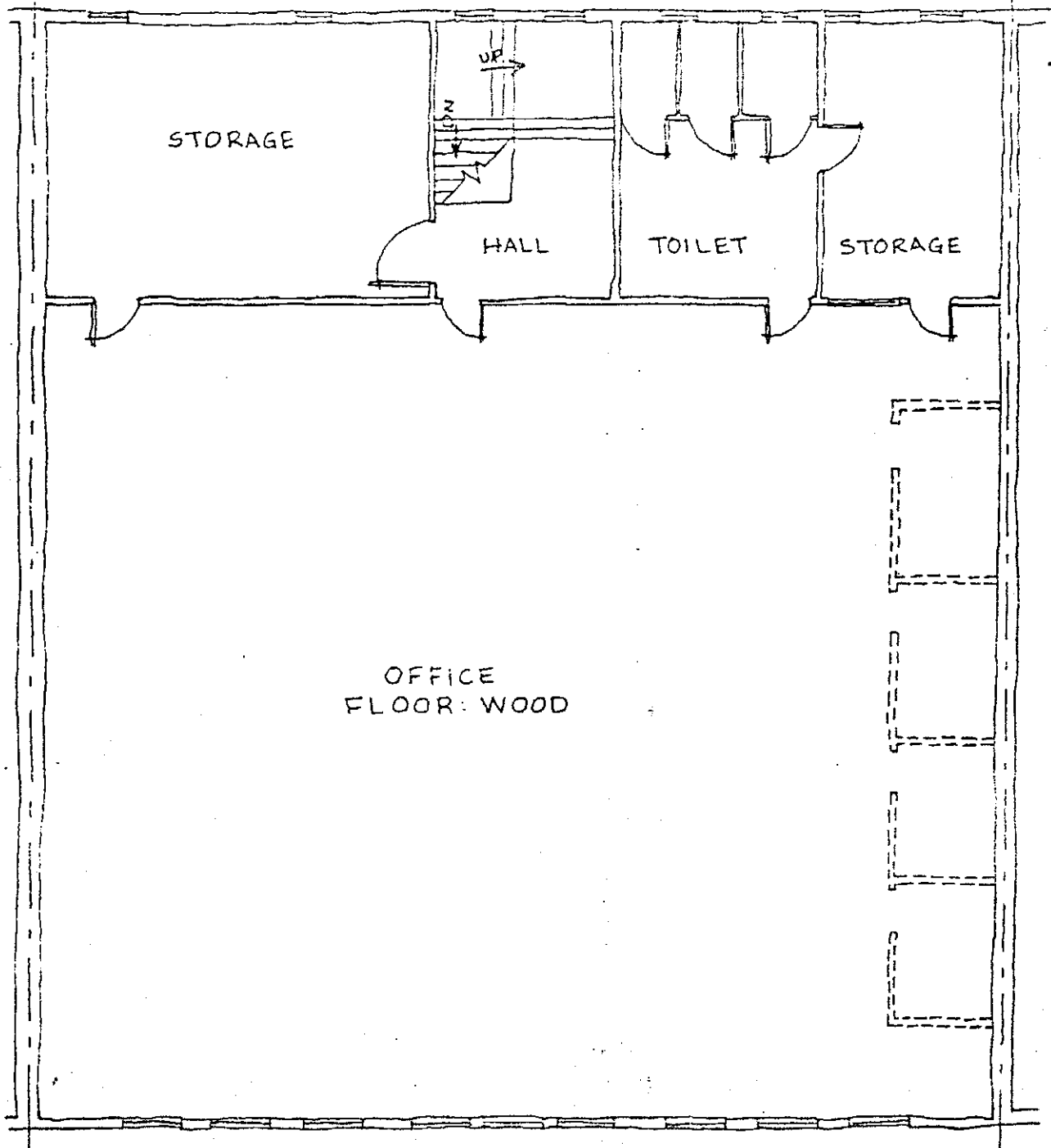
KEY:

-  - ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION
-  - RECENT CONSTRUCTION
-  - PROPERTY LINE

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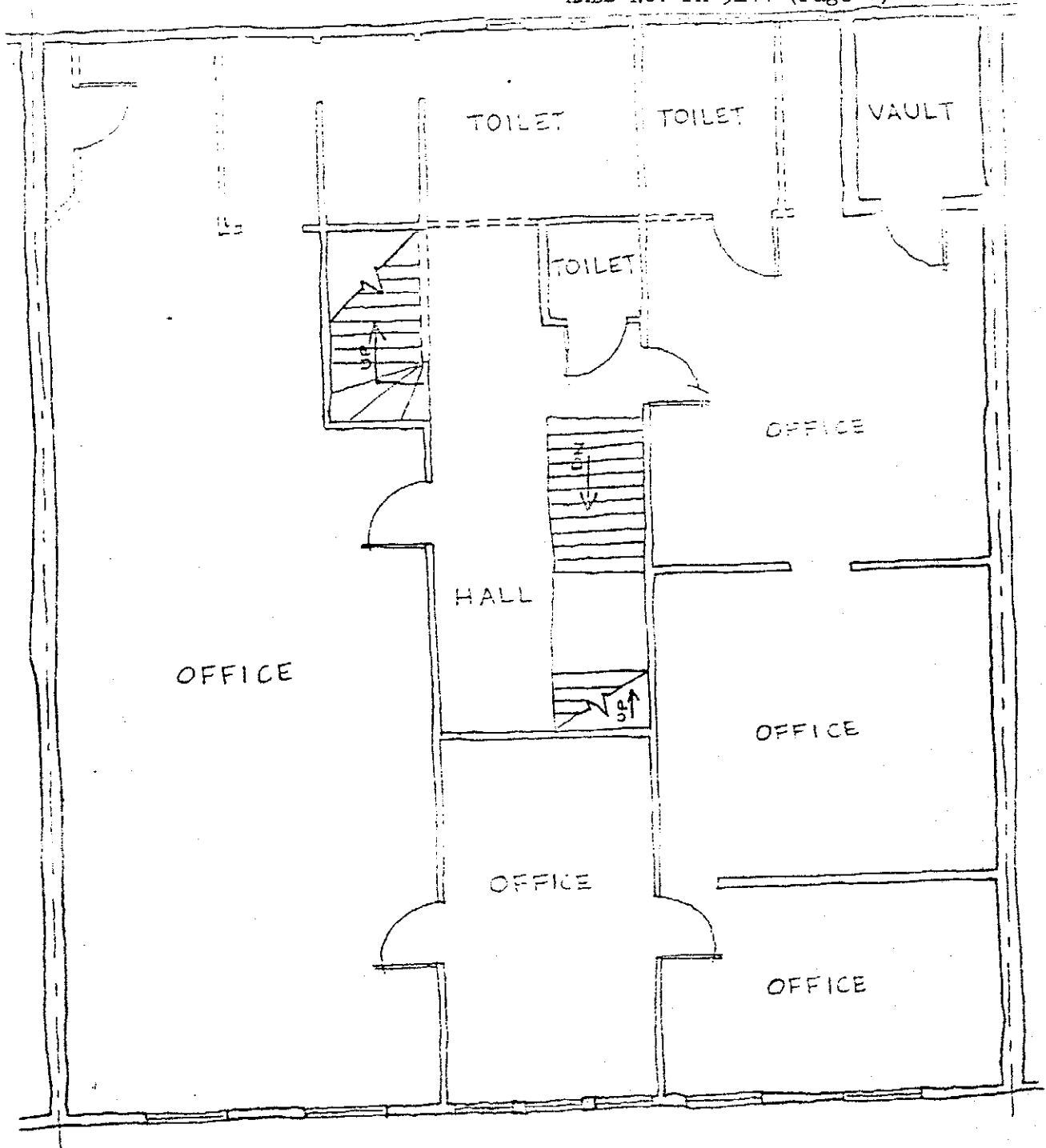
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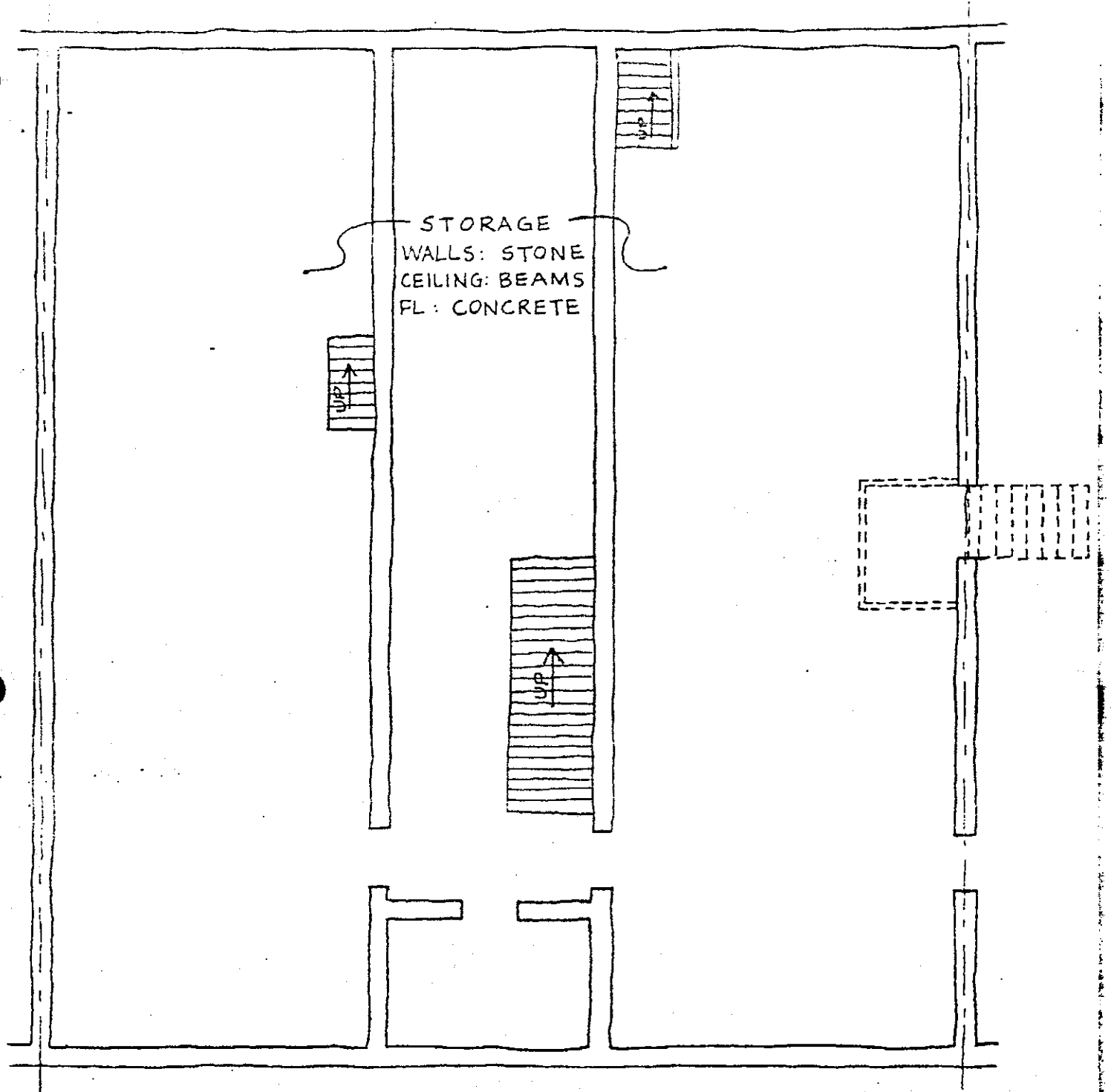
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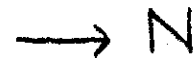
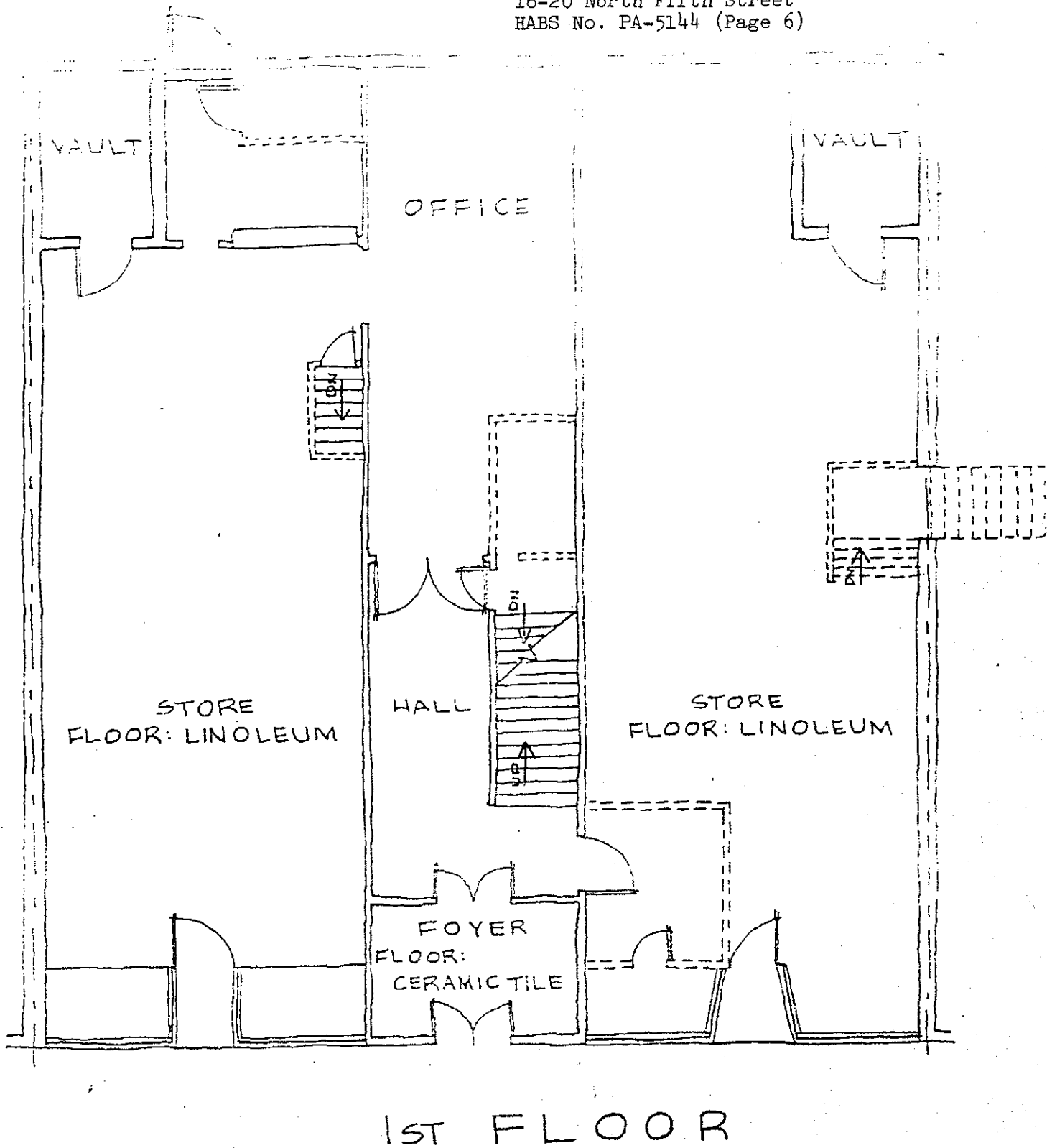
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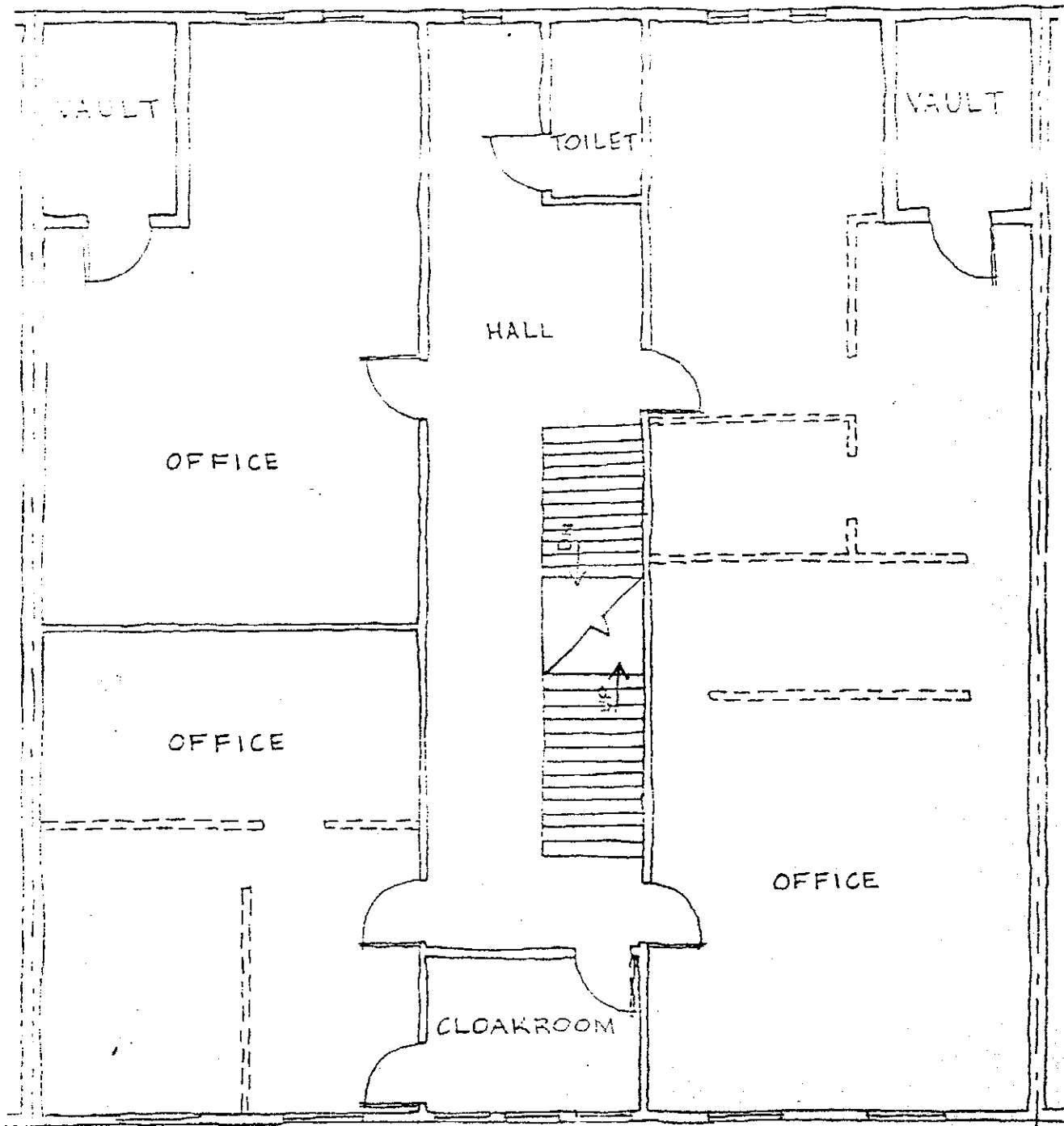
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BASEMENT

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2ND FLOOR

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ADDENDUM TO:  
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**MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY BUILDING  
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Addendum to  
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This data page is an addendum to a 7 page report previously transmitted to the Library of Congress; it also serves as documentation for the change in record name. In June 2001, the record name was corrected from the street address to better reflect the historic name of the structure.